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In re Application of :  
Burkly et al. : DECISION ON APPLICATION  
Application No. 09/804,490 : FOR  
Filed: March 12, 2001 : PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT  
Atty Docket No. CIBT-P01-114 :

This is a decision on the "REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT," filed July 21, 2008. Applicants request that the initial determination of patent term adjustment be corrected from two hundred seventy-eight (278) days to five hundred ten (510) days.

The request for correction of the initial determination of patent term adjustment (PTA) is **GRANTED to the extent indicated herein.**

The Office has updated the PALM screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO (462) days. A copy of the updated PALM screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On April 18, 2008, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment to date is 278 days. On July 21, 2008, applicants timely<sup>1</sup> submitted an application for patent term adjustment (with required fee). Applicants request correction of the PTA to 510 days.

Applicants state that this patent is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

<sup>1</sup> The Issue Fee payment was also received on July 21, 2008.

Applicants' bases for correction of the patent term adjustment have been considered and found persuasive to an extent. Applicants are correct that the patent term adjustment should be reduced:

- by 56 days, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(b), for the RCE filed August 4, 2005. A period of reduction of 56 days has been entered;
- pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(c)(8), for the filing of a supplemental response, not requested by the examiner, on January 11, 2008. However, the period of reduction is 29 days (not 28 days), beginning on December 14, 2007 and ending on January 11, 2008 and is being entered;
- pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(c)(8), for the filing of a supplemental response, not requested by the examiner, on March 5, 2008. The response, an IDS, did not include a § 1.704(d) statement. However, the period of reduction is 54 days (not 53 days) beginning on January 12, 2008 and ending on March 5, 2008 and is being entered.

Further, a review of applicants' response filed May 27, 2004 shows that applicants established by *prima facie* evidence in the form of a date-stamped return postcard that the response was originally filed on October 27, 2003. This was within three months of the mailing of the restriction requirement on October 2, 2003. Thus, with respect to responding to the restriction requirement, applicants did not fail to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.704(b). Accordingly, the period of reduction of 130 days is being removed.

Furthermore, given that the response was filed on October 27, 2003, applicants are entitled to a period of adjustment for Office delay. The Office did not mail an action in response until September 7, 2004, four months and 193 days later. Accordingly, a period of adjustment of 193 days for Office delay is being entered.

However, consideration of any period of reduction for applicants' filing of an amendment on June 5, 2008 after the mailing of the notice of allowance on April 18, 2008 is premature. The revised patent term adjustment indicated on the patent will include any period of reduction warranted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(c)(10) for the filing of this amendment. If


not, applicants should timely file a letter pursuant to their duty of good faith and candor to the Office.

In view thereof, the correct determination of PTA at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO (462) days (508 + 193 + 39 days for Office delay minus 2 + 56 + 62 + 41 + 34 + 29 + 54 days for applicant delay).

The Office acknowledges submission of the \$200.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(e). No additional fees are required.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Data Management for issuance of the application. The patent term adjustment indicated on the patent (as shown on the Issue Notification mailed about three weeks prior to patent issuance) will include any additional adjustment accrued both for Office delay in issuing the patent more than four months after payment of the issue fee and satisfaction of all outstanding requirements, and for the Office taking in excess of three years to issue the patent (to the extent that the three-year period does not overlap with periods already accorded).

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.



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Enclosure: Copy of adjusted PALM calculation

**PTA Calculations for Application: 09/804490**

Application Filing Date:	03/12/2001	PTO Delay (PTO):	547
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	269
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	462
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